

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: IMAGE DATA OUTPUTTING APPARATUS AND IMAGE DATA OUTPUTTING
METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, lines 16-24, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

The applicant of the present invention proposes a recording medium outputting method that allows a recording medium to be printed without using copy forgery prevention sheets by performing printout after merging copy forgery preventing image data capable of preventing copy-based forgery according to forgery prevention target image data to be protected from copy-based forgery U.S. Application No. 09/853,576. According to the present invention, documents to be protected from copy-based forgery such as certificates issued by city offices can be outputted without using copy forgery prevention sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii)).

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

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